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Legislative, judicial candidates file for tribal offices; ballots mailed to voters July 14

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced the candidates seeking Legislative and Supreme Court seats within the Chickasaw Nation.

The filing period closed Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Candidate filings for tribal legislative district races include: Pontotoc District Seat 3 - Incumbent Katie Case, challenger Nancy Elliott.

Pontotoc District Seat 4 - Incumbent Dean McManus did not receive a challenger.

Pickens District Seat 2 - Incumbent Donna Hartman, challengers Charles F. Lewis and Connie Barker.

Tishomingo District Seat 3 - Incumbent Steven E. Woods did not receive a challenger.

Supreme Court, Seat 3 - Incumbent Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon did not receive a challenger.

The candidates who did not receive challengers will be elected by a one-vote margin. The act of filing for office shall be counted as an affirmative vote.

Registered Chickasaw voters will be voting by mail ballots. Ballots will be mailed July 14, 2008. Voters must return completed ballots to Chickasaw Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 29, 2008. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada on July 29, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Results of the elections shall be announced the same day.

For information, contact Rita Loder, election secretary, at (580) 310-6475

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Pontotoc District • Seat 3

Katie Case, *Incumbent*

Katie Case

Name of candidate: Katie Case

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background Information: Mrs. Case is the granddaughter of Intolubby "Clarence" Underwood, an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. She is the daughter of Hurshlee "Cricket" Underwood Carter. She has 26 years of public education experience teaching grade levels kindergarten through eighth. Mrs. Case has served as Pontotoc District Seat 3 legislator for the past 17 months. In 2006, Chickasaw voters chose her from a field of 13 candidates to fill the open seat created by the passing of Mooniene Ogee.

Educational background: Mrs. Case received her bachelor of science degree in education from East Central State University.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Case serves on the Institutional Review Board at Carl Albert Hospital. She is an active member of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Volunteer Auxiliary and also serves on the following legislative committees: Human Resources, Education, Tribal Historical Preservation, and Ethics Ad Hoc. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Ada, Okla., where she actively participates on various mission teams.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The Chickasaw Nation is economically stronger now than at any other time in our history. As we allocate resources, it will serve our people well to have a legislator who has roots in and understands our past, is active in our present and committed to preparing our future. I pledge to be a catalyst for and proponent of initiatives to support families, economic and community development, strong Chickasaw businesses, education for all who want to better themselves, real and meaningful elder care and service to all Chickasaw wherever they live.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Case is married to Wayne Case. They have a son, Jeff and his wife Doty, and their three daughters, Erin, Kelli and Rhyan; and a daughter, Shawna Jackson and her husband, J.D., and their sons, Derrick and Ethan.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *To serve you, as your legislator is incredibly gratifying and deeply humbling at the same time. Ours, yours, and mine, is a strong bond. It is a bond based on my understanding that I humbly and exclusively represent you, your thoughts, your ideas, your interests and your values. I know that to effectively serve as a representative of the people, I must be accessible to you, active in service to you and accountable specifically to you, the Chickasaw people.*

Please vote and return your ballots as soon as possible. Every single vote matters. Your vote is your voice. Please raise your voice in support of my continued service to you. Thank you for your friendship, your support and your vote!

Respectfully,
Katie

Nancy Elliott

Nancy Elliott

Name of candidate: Nancy Elliott

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background Information: Nancy Elliott was born in Duncan, Okla., to Willis B. and Leona Bea Brown Barrick. Her grandfather Nathaniel Brown and her great-grandfather Charles A. Brown were original enrollees. She has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She grew up in Lindsay, Okla., where her dad worked in the oil field business and her mom stayed at home to raise the kids. She has four sisters and one brother.

Educational background: Nancy attended public schools in Velma, Lindsay, and Oklahoma City. She graduated from Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City in 1967 and went back to college as an adult after her children were born. She completed her bachelor's degree in education in 1983 and her master's degree in education in 1988. She has been a teacher in the Ada Public School System for 25 years.

Civic and/or community activities: Nancy served as a member of the planning committee for the 2008 CNASA Space Camp, and was a judge for the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

Over the years, Nancy has been involved in many volunteer civic activities. She has served as a Girl Scout leader of two troops while her daughters were growing up. She has been actively involved in her church and has been a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Awards and honors: As a public school teacher, Nancy has been awarded over $6,000 in grants from the Ada City Schools Foundation for innovative projects that have given her students exciting educational experiences over and above their normal curriculum. This year she was honored with an invitation to participate as a panelist on the Chickasaw Nation's Dynamic Women's Forum.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal as a Legislator is to meet the needs important to you – the Chickasaw people. We should continue working to increase and improve health care services for all Chickasaws. We have many of our elders who are still struggling to pay their utility bills. We need to take that burden off their shoulders. I will advocate to begin building beautiful retirement villages for our elders where all their needs will be met.

We must investigate ways to help reduce the burden of spiraling fuel and food costs.

We must help our families become healthier - physically, mentally and emotionally - by creating on-line and 1-800 counseling programs to meet their needs where they are.

Finally, my goal as your Legislator will be to advocate for investment into new, sound tribal businesses to continue creating economic diversity.

Name of spouse and children: Nancy was married to Robbie Elliott for 36 years. He passed away in October 2004 from heart disease. She has three children, Nathan and his wife, Christie, and their daughter Reagan Elliott; Robyn and her husband, Wayne Scribner; and Rachel and her husband, Ryan and their children, Mikaela and Mackenzie Kent.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *Dear Fellow Chickasaws,*

It is important for Chickasaws to take an active role in our government and the future of our nation. I have over thirty years of experience working to help make families healthier. I know the need for the availability of health care, opportunities for education, quality housing for all, and providing for our elders. I will work hard to ensure that the needs of our families are met.

Chickasaws have always believed and been dedicated to family. Today's families need every opportunity to thrive and succeed.

I want to be your Legislator because I believe that working together, we can strengthen families and improve the lives of all Chickasaw people. By strengthening families, we will strengthen the Chickasaw Nation.

Together, we can make it happen! Thank you for considering me to be your Legislator.

Nancy Elliott

VOTE!

Voter registration closes
July 7, 2008

Ballots mailed
July 14, 2008

Pontotoc District • Seat 4

Dean McManus, *Incumbent*

Dean McManus

Name of candidate: Dean McManus

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 4

Background Information: Mrs. McManus is a full-blood Chickasaw. She was born and raised in the Kingston and Madill, Okla., area. She moved to Ada, Okla., in 1968. Mrs. McManus became an employee of the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 when the tribal headquarters was located in Sulphur, Okla. At that time there were only 25 tribal employees. She served the Chickasaw people in several positions for 24 1/2 years. She began her career with the tribe as a Community Health Representative for the Southern half of Pontotoc County, later becoming the CHR supervisor, then CHR coordinator. She became the Director of the Human Resources Department in 1991. She was appointed the Director of Community Services in 1994 and became the director of Training and Development in 1995. Mrs. McManus has received extensive education through 24 1/2 years on-the-job specific seminars and competency-based training.

She is completing her third three-year term as a Chickasaw tribal legislator representing Pontotoc District.

Civic and/or community activities:

- Mrs. McManus has been an active member of the Church of Christ for 46 years.
- Served one year as president of the Ada Community Services Council, a council that concentrates on helping those in need.
- Served as one of the executive officers on the Region 7 (which includes Ada) Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Mental Health Planning and Coordinating Board.
- Served as a board member of the Pontotoc Vo-Tech Region 8 "School to Work" program.
- Served as one of the first original board members of the Oklahoma City Food Bank.
- Currently serves as a board member of the National Indian Council of Aging.

Awards and honors:

- Received the 1991 Stellar Leadership Award from the Indian Health Service National Community Health Representative program, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mrs. McManus received this recognition while serving as president of the National Association of CHRs.
- Received the 1991 Excellence in Leadership from Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service.
- Was recognized by the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service CHR program for dedicated and outstanding service in the development of the Chickasaw Nation Transportation System, September 1993.
- Was recognized by the National Rural Transit Assistant program for her Outstanding contribution for the Rural Transit Assistance program, July 1996.
- Was recognized by the Pontotoc Area Vo-Tech, Region 8 "School to Work" for dedicated service to the Teacher Internship program, July 1998.
- Outstanding Older American Indian Elder 2006.
- Certificate of Appreciation from the National Indian Council on Aging.
- Selected as official alternate delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I served as Finance Committee chairman. It was my goal to

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Pickens District • Seat 2

Donna Hartman, *Incumbent*

Donna Hartman

Name of candidate: Donna Hartman

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background Information: Ms. Hartman is the granddaughter of Minnie Keel Liddell, a full-blood Chickasaw and original enrollee #2983 and the daughter of Billy Liddell, Sr. and the late Bonnie Liddell. She is 1/4 Chickasaw from a family of eight children and has lived most of her life in the Pickens District. She attended school in Thackerville, Marietta and Leon. After rearing her children in the rural community of Leon she now lives and works in the Ardmore area.

After working in assembly-line plants, Ms. Hartman at age 32 returned to college as a nontraditional, single-parent student and graduated at age 35 with a degree in elementary education. In 1988 while teaching, she completed a master's degree and in 2002 she completed her second master's degree.

Ms. Hartman retired from East Central (OK) University's Talent Search Program. In her counseling position for 18 years, she assisted students in grades 7 to 12 at 10 public schools in Carter, Love, Garvin and Stephens counties to explore career options and continue education and training after high school graduation. She is an Oklahoma certified teacher who taught four years at Turner elementary school and in 1985 assisted in writing a grant which purchased computers, printers, and educational programs giving Native American students in grades 1 to 8 their first technological opportunities.

She previously was a part-time tutor for Carter Seminary, the Chickasaw Nation's Adult Basic Education program and an adjunct instructor at Murray State College.

Educational background: Ms. Hartman has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1982); a master's degree in human resources counseling from East Central University (1988); and a master's degree in human resources administration from East Central University (2002).

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Hartman has been active at local, state and national levels. Her involvement includes serving as a:

- Chickasaw Nation Historical Society member
- Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislator (four terms)
- Chickasaw Community Councils
- National Congress of American Indians member
- Johnson O'Malley Committee member (President)
- Oklahoma Divisions of Student Assistance Executive Board member (secretary, treasurer and President)
- March of Dimes volunteer and team leader
- National Council of Educational Opportunity Association delegate for Oklahoma
- Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs Regional Boards representative for Oklahoma
- YWCA board member
- Summer baseball coach, manager and activities fundraiser

Awards and honors: Ms. Hartman was named Best All-Around Girl Academic/Athletic Award (1962); received the English Honor Award – High School Senior (1966); was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society at Murray State College (1970-1971); was on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University President's and Vice-President's Honor Roll. Ms. Hartman received her 15 year TRIO service awards in 2004. She was one of five educators who met with the Oklahoma U.S. Congressional delegation in 1995 in a successful effort to preserve Trio educational programs.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The broad goals as your legislator are: 1) to continue expanding and upgrading our services and opportunities for Chickasaws both inside and outside the Nation's boundaries; 2) to equally distribute service facilities and businesses throughout Pickens District, and 3) to maintain integrity in the tribal governmen-

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Pickens District • Seat 2

Connie Barker

Connie Barker

Name of candidate: Connie L. Barker

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background Information: Connie Barker is the daughter of Andrea Mobley and James Riley. Her Chickasaw ancestry includes her paternal grandfather, Youkon Riley; paternal great-grandmother, Lillian McClure; maternal grandmother, Catherine Wells; and maternal great-grandfather, Alfred Wells.

Her work experience includes serving as a clinic director for specialty medicine practices including family medicine, cardiology and psychiatry. Connie has worked the last 13 years in rural health management. She has been instrumental in the design and development of the Mercy Health Love County Rural Health Clinic, and in the coordination of nurse availability for the C-Sara House. She is a registered medical coder and her career in healthcare has spanned 27 years.

Connie's interests include reading, gardening and spending time with her family.

Educational background: Connie graduated from Marietta (OK) High School and is currently attending Murray State College as a full-time student through the Ardmore Higher Education Center. She is seeking her associates degree in history.

Civic and/or Community: Connie's community activities include:

- Honor Graduate of the first Leadership Love County Class, 2004.
- Member of the Marietta Public Schools Board of Education 2004 – present (currently serving second term).
- Current board member and second vice president of the Love County Chamber of Commerce. Connie will serve as chamber president in 2010.
- Current state board member of the Oklahoma Medical Group Managers Association (MGMA). Presently serving second term and serving as president of the local chapter for Southern Oklahoma.
- Member of the Ethics Committee for the state board of the MGMA.
- Founding member of the Mercy Health Love County food pantry and active member of the food insecure task force.
- Founding member of the Love County Women's Shelter.
- Member of the Turning Point Coalition.
- Member of System of Care for Love County.
- Board of Directors of Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma, 2000-2001.
- Board member of the American Heart Association of Southern Oklahoma 1998-1999.
- Current committee member of the Love County American Heart Association training center.
- Member of the Back to Work Love County task force.
- Active member of the Hospital Incident Command Center including director of operations for the emergency management plan.
- Member of the Love County Emergency Planning Committee.
- Certified first

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Charles Lewis

Charles F. Lewis

Name of candidate: Charles F. Lewis

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background Information: Charles Lewis was born and reared in Lebanon, Okla., Marshall County, in Pickens District. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees Benton Lewis and Sally Sealy-Lewis and the grandson of Josiah Lewis and Addie Owens Lewis. His father was Charles B. Lewis and his mother is Eunice Klein Lewis Page.

He was raised on a farm in Lebanon, Okla., farming cotton, corn, and peanuts and also raising cattle and hogs. He made spending money hauling hay and hoeing crops for neighboring farmers.

The area where he grew up was home to many Chickasaw families including Mose Underwood, Pickens, Brown, Pershica, and James families along with many others. He learned much about the Indian way of life from these families as well as his grandfather, Josiah. He feels his background has enabled him to achieve so many things and has taught him the work ethic he still possess today.

Educational background: Mr. Lewis attended Lebanon Elementary School for eight years, graduating in the spring of 1963. He then enrolled in Madill High School, graduating in 1967. Desiring to continue his education, he attended and received his associates degree from Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in May of 1971. He completed his master's degree at SOSU in 1987 and achieved his full administrative degree from the University of Oklahoma in the 1990s.

During his educational years, he was influenced and mentored by the following Chickasaws: Coach Harry Cheadle, Bois D'Arc Beams, Kenneth Meeler and Overton James. By following their examples, his education has allowed him to teach, coach and become an admistrator over the span of 35 years with the last 15 years as superintendent of schools. He retired from public education on June 30, 2007. During his time in public instruction, he has tried to follow the example of his Chickasaw mentors by actively working with Indian students, encouraging them to achieve their full potential. As superintendent and principal, he worked with the JOM program and fully appreciated what it did to enable our Indian students. Education of our youth from our 4-year-old programs through our college students will ensure leadership for tomorrow.

Civic and/or community activities: With his extensive background in education, the bulk of his work in the community was centered on groups and organizations that supported our schools. He was very active in PTA and PTO organizations, booster clubs, little league teams and he encouraged all students to be active in 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society and business clubs, as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Awards and honors: Most of Mr. Lewis' achievements have been education related. In 2005, he received from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, an achievement award for Best Financial Reporting for his school based on size of enrollment. He has been named Honorary Chapter Farmer in FFA and served as president of his area superintendent's organization at the local level.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The Chickasaw Nation is a very proud and successful nation, offering many programs and services to its citizens. I personally am very proud of our achievements in Healthcare, Housing, Education, Youth Development, Elder Care, Cultural Development, Law Enforcement and the emphasis we place on the importance of family.

Given all the programs and services our budget is in the hundreds of millions. However, we along with Oklahoma and the United States of America are faced with troubled economy.

As Chickasaws, we can become leaders as we strive to continue what we have accomplished. The cost of the delivery of our services will increase dramatically, so we will have to be cognizant of things that offset these costs. Energy will need to be considered and alternative fuels will need to be utilized. We as citizens will face increased cost for our home utilities. Food and healthcare costs will continue to escalate. Also included will be educational costs such as tuition and books, plus the price of fuel for transportation.

I believe in the well known adage; it not only takes a village, but it will take the nation as a whole to continue to meet our needs. I feel we need more as well as better healthcare, such as better accessibility to vision and dental care. More money to educate not only our youth, but to also help train more adults to be able to serve our nation is all key to the continuing growth of

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Tishomingo District • Seat 3

Steven E. Woods, *Incumbent*

Steven E. Woods

Name of candidate: Steven E. Woods

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Tishomingo District, seat 3

Background Information: Mr. Woods was born January 9, 1961 to Jerry and Pat Woods. His lineage is Almeda James Engle, Author H. James, Suel James, Josephine Brown James, Leona Colbert Wesley, and Esau Seeley Chickasaw original enrollees.

He was formerly employed by the Chickasaw Housing Authority in the Development Department from 1980-1985. Currently, Mr. Woods is employed as the Senior Radiation Safety Officer for Halliburton Energy Services. He served as a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation 1992 to 2002. He serves as a Legislator for the Tishomingo district, Seat 3, 2002 to present.

Educational background: Mr. Woods attended Stratford (OK) High School and was salutatorian his senior year. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He graduated with honors.

Civic and/or community activities: Appointed by the Governors of Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Radiation Management Advisory Council in 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2005 and currently serves as the elected Chairman of the council. Member of the Health Physics Society.

Board member of Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) for 5 years, and currently serve as the elected Vice-Chairman of the board. CNI is the government subcontracting entity for the tribe currently employing over 2,000 individuals across the U.S.

Awards and honors: Written, presented and published numerous papers at conferences and symposiums for the Health Physics Society, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Petroleum Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. His most recent paper was presented at the 2008 National Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors in May.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: My goals are to represent the Chickasaw people by providing professionally and thoroughly researched decisions on any matters that are before the Legislature, continue pursuit of the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation court system so that justice will be available to all Chickasaws, make sure that the direction our tribe takes will be to educate our youth, and provide jobs for our people here in the Chickasaw Nation. I will work with the Executive Branch to plan for independent living for elders as well as a nursing home.

I will continue to support:

1. Increased educational scholarships for all Chickasaw youth
2. Clothing grants for college students
3. Providing clothing grants for all Chickasaw students Headstart thru 12th grade
4. Economic development and creation of other tribal businesses in addition to gaming for our people
5. Expansion of orthodontic and other dental services
6. Expansion of regional clinics
7. Building the new state of the art hospital
8. Construction of a wellness center at Sulphur
9. Design and construction of the Artesian Hotel and Cultural Center which will provide more jobs for the Tishomingo District

Name of Spouse and Children: Steve and his wife of 29 years, Paula, reside in Sulphur. They have two children, Christi and Brad, and two granddaughters, Mallorie and Zoie, and one grandson, Doron.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *As a member of the Legislature, I will be open minded and fair as I represent all the voters of the Tishomingo District. I will support better representation of our Chickasaw citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation. I will promote preservation of our history, culture, and language. I will seek priority for our elders in all services, especially health care. I will support education and other services for our youth. I will support economic development and diversification so we can provide jobs for our people so they can support their families.*

As a member of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and the Court Development Team, I have worked with the Executive and Legislative departments in pursuing the expansion of the existing court system. I support a court system that will incorporate traditions and customs of the Chickasaw people.

I take a deep personal interest in all things which affect the Chickasaw people and our whole Chickasaw Nation as well. It has been my great honor and privilege to have served you as a Legislator and during that time, I have valued the importance of tribal laws and of maintaining the spirit and content of our Constitution.

I will continue to work with you and for you, to see to it that we all receive justice and equality. As I begin my third term as a Chickasaw Nation Legislator, I will continue my service to the voters of the Tishomingo District as a competent legislator.

Steven Woods

Tribal Judge • Seat 3

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon, *Incumbent*

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon

Name of candidate: Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and seat number: Seat 3

Background Information: Mrs. Bellefeuille-Gordon was born in Ardmore, Okla., on December 29, 1968, to Russell and Donna Bellefeuille. She has one sister, Cris Bellefeuille, and one brother, Chuck Bellefeuille. Her grandparents are Ben and Viola Seeley and her great-grandparents were original enrollees, Mamie Tushkatomby and Walter Seeley.

She has worked at Hurst, McNeil, & Gordon law firm since 1991 as a legal secretary, paralegal and office manager. This experience has provided an excellent background in law to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

She was elected to the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court on October 1, 2002, and in July of 2003 was elected to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court until September 30, 2005. She was re-elected to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on October 1, 2007 and continues to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Educational background: She graduated from Sulphur (OK) High School in 1987 and attended East Central University and graduated in 1991with a B.A. in pre-law with a minor in accounting and services for the deaf.

Civic and/or community activities:

- Chickasaw Princess, 1989-1990
- Past Chairman of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Board, board member representing the Tishomingo District at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility-1994-2004
- Former president of the Sulphur/Davis Community Council
- Chickasaw Nation Headstart of Sulphur Parent Committee since 2002
- Peacemakers-administrative assistant/trainer
- Sulphur Public School tutor for the Title V program
- Murray County Democratic Party – officer and precinct officer
- Murray County Kiwanis Club –president, vice-president, secretary and board member
- Chickasaw Regional Library System chairman and board member representing the City of Sulphur
- Relay for Life – Supporter/ raised funds
- Co-chairman of the Murray County Kiwanis March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon
- General Federated

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tal processes and procedure.

Specific goals to address are: to adopt a precise procedure for annual identification and accountability of unspent program and tribal money and the reallocating of those dollars into the next fiscal year's budget; to support strong economic development through business diversification to ensure the continuity of tribal self sufficiency; to increase funding in health care, education, senior services, and housing programs including assisted living facilities; and to approve individual benefits to all Chickasaw citizens, inside and outside the boundaries.

Family information: Ms. Hartman's three sons and their families live in Pickens District. They are Danny and granddaughter, Jenna; Ricky and Ronnie, Tina and grandsons, Asher, Krickett and Kyle.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *Throughout all generations from the elders to the children the Chickasaw people is this nation's* ***greatest resource****. As your legislator I advocate, support and uphold these major issues for Chickasaw citizens to more equally benefit from our progressive and prosperous nation.*

- Direct investment in Chickasaw people with expansion of services
- Protection of sovereign rights and self governance at local, state, and federal levels
- Information disclosure to Chickasaw people
- Assurance of continued Healthcare and Educational funding on the national level
- Approval of a capita payment for revenue sharing to Chickasaw citizens

During my eleven years serving on the tribal legislature, I chaired and served on numerous committees. While serving as finance committee chairman, legislation was passed to provide the first public hearing for all citizens' comments on the tribal budget. Also, under my chairmanship the finance committee used an independent CPA to review the annual budget and make an objective assessment of the tribal accounting procedure. This was the first and only time a finance committee had utilized the services of an independent CPA. I continue to advocate this practice to attain precise legislative oversight of tribal budget.

Although tribal funds for health care have increased, the need for improved and expanded care is urgent. As your legislator I have voted in favor of hospital, a diabetes center, wellness centers, senior and nutrition sites. I will continue to work to enhance Chickasaw Nations health care system to ensure that all Chickasaw people have access to adequate care.

My voting record reflects that of a leader who speaks for the constituency and stands for the rights of the Chickasaw people. I have supported funding to address the needs of citizens at large, funding increases for Elder and senior, youth and cultural services and educational opportunities. I also supported the establishment of both the criminal court system and the Chickasaw Lighthorseman Police. I have demonstrated my commitment to the growth and development of the Chickasaw Nation by supporting land base expansion and economic development. Furthermore, I have made it my priority to be fully informed about major investment and expenditures.

As your representative I have worked to assist Chickasaws with problems and by making productive, progressive and well-informed decisions. Whether it has been helping a child with a Christmas wish, a student with a scholarship need, an adult with health-care, housing, or employment needs, or exploring options of greater tribal self-sufficiency. I have given my full attention and commitment. My grandmother, Mammaw, inspired my strength, pride and heart in being Chickasaw. Mammaw's spirit has taught me the importance of heritage, the common bond of all Chickasaws. Her inspiration drives my commitment to the preservation of our Chickasaw culture, language, traditions and heritage. My grandmother's strength and the strength of the Chickasha people are my encouragements to continue to serve.

As your representative, I will make informed decisions on issues such as health care, budget appropriations, land acquisitions, water rights, and sovereignty. I am available to listen and respond to your concerns. Your input to me is vital to attain a government that stands from the best interest of the Chickasaw people, not just for an individual group.

You may contact me at 580-276-7954/580-226-4385 or donna.hartman@att.net.

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the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Lewis' family includes his wife, Jeri Lynn Lewis and children and grandchildren. His children are daughters, Charlotte Lewis Williams and husband, Scott Williams, Addie Lewis Gratz and husband, Wade Gratz, all of Tishomingo, Okla., and Stacy Merrill, of Durant, Okla.; a son, Brandon Merrill and wife, April Merrill, of Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. His grandchildren are Dylan and Zachary Williams, Addison Joe Gratz, and Lexi Merrill. He is very proud of each of his family members.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I am blessed to be a citizen of this great nation and I feel my education and life's experiences will enable me to be a full-time legislator, who will always be available to my Chickasaw brothers and sisters. I represent only myself and my values and will not be influenced by any special interest groups. My sole purpose is to serve ALL of the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.*

Charles Lewis

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Women's Club – Served as president and vice-president of South Central District of General Federated Women's Club

- GFWC Sulphur Sorosis – Served as president and vice-president and secretary
- Sulphur Public School Community Education Board member
- Chairman of Rewards of Reading
- Veterans Center of Sulphur – volunteer song leader
- Children's Miracle Network Duck Race
- Fill the Boot for Children's Miracle Network
- Sunday school teacher and member of Praise and Worship Team at the Abundant Life Church
- Volunteer for Parks program
- Volunteer interpreter for sign language
- Member of the National American Indian Court Judges Association
- Safety Committee for Sulphur Elementary School and Sulphur Intermediate School
- JOM President of Sulphur Public Schools August, 2007 - present
- Title VII President of Sulphur Public Schools August, 2007 - present

Awards and honors:

- Outstanding Volunteer of the Sulphur Headstart
- Kiwanian of the Year
- George F. Hixon Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Presidential Appreciation Award
- Outstanding Club Secretary
- TX-OK Kiwanis Foundation Lifetime Member
- President's Distinguished Service Award
- Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Award
- Kiwanian of the Month
- Committee Chairman Award-Worldwide Service Project
- Certification of Recognition – IDD Red Light, Board of Directors and Secretary
- GFWC-OK Outstanding Volunteer-south Central
- Committee Chairman Award-Program, certificate of appreciation
- Perfect Attendance Award
- Chickasaw Nation Headstart Community Volunteer
- 10 years of Service as a Board member to Carl Albert Indian Health Facility 1994-2004

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch: One of my goals is to preserve the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation. I would like to help assure tribal members that tribal affairs will be conducted in a proper and legal manner. I will work to interpret the laws as they apply to the Chickasaw constitution and to make sure individual rights are protected.

I will be diligent in my efforts to ensure that legislative acts are constitutional and the affairs of the Chickasaw Nation are conducted constitutionally.

While serving on the Supreme Court, the Court reestablished the Chickasaw Nation District Court and established the Peacemaking Court. Peacemaking is a division of the Court that all members of the Chickasaw Nation can and should use to resolve disputes. We have opened two (2) satellite offices one in Purcell and the other in Ardmore where the court advocates can meet with citizens, file documents and meet their legal needs. I am honored to serve the Chickasaw people in a manner that is exemplary of a Supreme Court Justice.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Bellefeuille-Gordon is married to Daniel James Gordon. The couple has a son, Noah Eldred, 11. Mrs. Bellefeuille-Gordon is expecting a child in July, 2008.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I am very proud of my Chickasaw heritage. I have devoted 19 years to serving the Chickasaw people as Princess, president of Sulphur/Davis Community Council, member/chairman of the Health Board at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, and Supreme Court Chief Justice from 2003 to 2005; and 2007 to present.*

I am dedicated to the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw citizens and the Judicial Branch. I will continue my efforts to assist in providing a Chickasaw court system that will serve our citizens in an efficient and effective manner. I am honored to serve as one of your Supreme Court Justices.

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon

Dean McManus, *continued from page 3*

be a good steward of our tribal resources and make sure those resources were directed properly to our programs and services.

During my second term, I served as chairman of the Human Resources committee, which also requires proper allocation of resources to our important programs and services. My goal has been to make sure the Chickasaw people are being well served and that needs are being met.

It will be my goal in the upcoming term to ensure that Chickasaw people are receiving quality service and needed programs across the board. Health care, I believe, is vitally important. We now offer an excellent program for Chickasaws which allows each Chickasaw a specified amount to cover medical expenses that otherwise might not be covered. I will seek to build on our health care program and make it the very best in the country.

I will also continue to lobby for Chickasaw nursing facilities and assisted living centers. These programs could prove to be a tremendous asset for Chickasaw families with elders needing this type of assistance.

I will support the new Chickasaw training center, which will assist our less fortuante youth in developing skills and trades with which they can make good livings as adults.

I have served as the Legislative Human Resources committee chair the past two terms - all new and current programs come through this committee for approval. I can't tell you how proud I am each time a new program is planned to help our people, young and older. My goal as your legislator is to represent you with honor and pride and to be your voice whatever your needs.

My goal is to enhance the overall quality of life.

My goal is to be a good legislator for the people I love, the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. McManus has been married to Harrel D. McManus for 53 years. The couple has three daughters, Karen Goodnight, Sherri McManus, and Kristina Roller. They have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your legislator for the past three terms. My lifelong desire has been to serve the Chickasaw people. Through your input and suggestions we have worked hard together to make the Chickasaw Nation the greatest tribe in America, providing services beyond belief.*

It has been an honor to be a part of a legislature that supports the needs of our people. The Chickasaw culture has always been to honor our elders and take care of them. This I will continue to do.

The Chickasaws have always believed in Education for our children. They are our future leaders and will take care of us. I will continue to support education.

I have and will continue to support our wonderful health care system. We listened to you and are just beginning to provide heath care to Chickasaws outside of our boundaries. I have supported and will continue to work for affordable homes - assisted living homes, and independent living ceneters throughout the Nation. I have supported and will continue to support to increase our land base. Your vote and support for me in this election will be very much appreciated.

Dean McManus

Connie Barker, *continued from page 4*

receiver operations level for HAZWOPER through Oklahoma State University.

- Advocate for American Cancer Society fundraiser.
- Active member of the Medicare Part D Prescriptive enrollment assistance program for Love County.
- Advocate and committee member for the Social Security "Extra Help Program" for senior citizens for Medicare Part D presecription program.
- Initiated placement and funding of Automatic External Defibrillator in all Love County schools, and training for school personnel.
- Member of the American Academy of Professional Coders.

Awards and honors: Murray State College President's honor roll; Award from Love County Chamber of Commerce for continued support to community service; honor graduate of Leadership Love County; award from Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma for years of service to the mentally ill.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I will support sustained economic growth of the Chickasaw Nation, the education programs for the youth and adult learners of the nation, and the advancement of knowledge to the workforce. I will support access to quality care in the healthcare sector, use whatever skills available to me to assist the continued growth of the nation, embrace necessary change, and encourage team building.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Barker and her husband, Richard, have four children, Brandon Mathews, Montana Mathews, Nikki Barker and Alise Barker.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I am seeking election as a Chickasaw legislator because of the opportunities that have been provided to me by the Chickasaw Nation. Whether through healthcare or education, I have been able to fulfill many lifelong dreams.*

I would like to apply the skills and knowledge I have acquired to help perpetuate the many great programs already in place for future generations of Chickasaw citizens.

I feel that my contribution to my fellow Chickasaw citizens would be through my leadership skills, service to my community, board experiences, life experiences and my love of serving others. My experiences include many years of health care management, business operations and ethics, planning committees, community service, board seats, and working with the public.

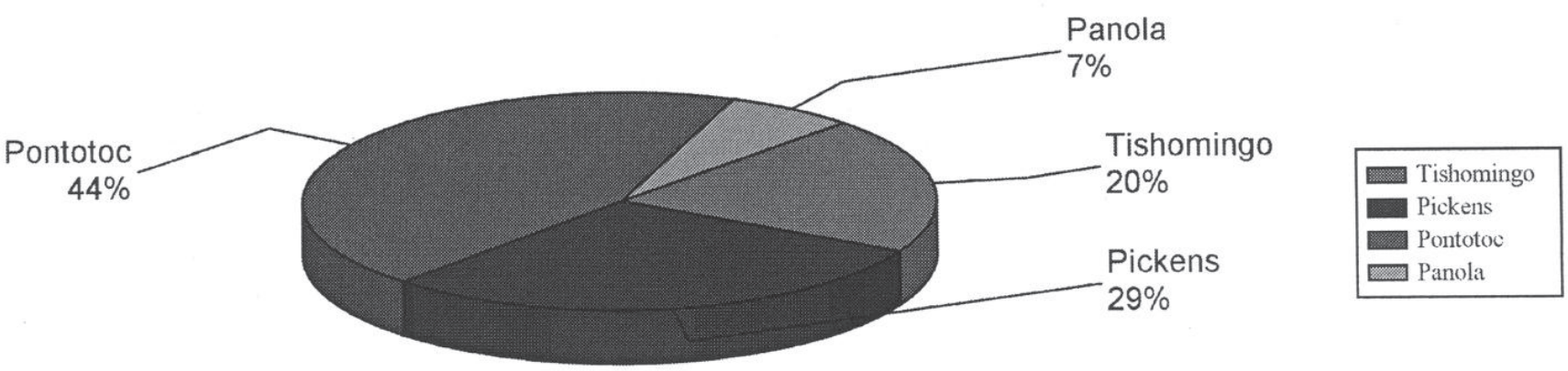
I appreciate very much your consideration, your support and your vote.

Thank you!

Connie Barker

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,589
Pickens	6,594
Pontotoc	9,862
Panola	1,507
Total	22,552



Remember to call election secretary's office if your name has changed

Some of the most common mistakes voters make when marking or returning their ballots have to do with actual voter names.

Each voter has a Chickasaw citizenship form on file with the tribal election secretary. Vital information about the voter is contained on the form. The election commission utilizes the citizenship forms to confirm that the person who has sent in the ballot is the same as the person listed on the citizenship form.

When you sign the outside envelope as indicated, you should sign it as you have signed on your citizenship form. Election workers check the signature on the envelope to the signature on the form to be sure they match.

The most common signature problem occurs with female voters. A woman who has married or changed her name for some other reason must make that change on her Chickasaw citizenship form. If that change is not made, and the woman signs the ballot using her new name, her ballot will not be counted because her new signature and the signature on her citizenship form do not match.

It is very simple and easy to make the proper changes to your citizenship form to ensure your ballot is counted.

Simply call the tribal election secretary's office and a worker will complete a new citizenship form for you. The worker will then send the new form to you via first-class mail. All you have to do then is sign the form and send it back in the addressed and stamped envelope provided.

The other common problem with names involves simply forgetting to sign the outside envelope where indicated. Ballots are discarded each year because voters neglected to sign the back of the envelope.

For help, you may call the tribal election secretary's office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Use proper procedure with ballot, envelopes to ensure validity

Each year, Chickasaw citizens receive mail ballots so they may cast their votes for legislative, judicial or gubernatorial candidates.

Ballots will be mailed out this year on July 14 from Albuquerque, N.M. The ballots are mailed first class to voters across the country. Ballots are due back to the tribal election commission no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 29.

Most citizens are accustomed to the mail-in ballot system and vote regularly. For newly-registered voters, there are some important things to keep in mind when casting and returning your ballot.

A voter receives his ballot in the mail along with two envelopes, which he will return with the ballot. The "inside" envelope holds the actual ballot. The voter will mark his ballots, then place it in the inside envelopesand seal it. The "outside" envelope is used to transport the inside envelope and ballot back to the election commission. The voter will place his ballot – now sealed in the inside envelope – into the outside envelope, and will sign the back of the outside envelope where indicated.

The process probably sounds more complicated than it actually is. Once you open your mailing from the election commission, it is obvious what steps must occur.

Remember that the ballot return timetable has been shortened following passage of legislation in 2007. There is a 14-day window to return your ballot, so it is best not to delay.

Please vote and return your ballot immediately!

Voter registration closes
July 7, 2008
Ballots mailed
July 14, 2008

Meet your tribal election office staff and election commissioners

Rita Loder
Election Secretary/
Tribal Registrar

Traci Gold
Administrative
Assistant

Melissa Walker
Registration Clerk

Barbara Goodman
File Clerk

Rose Jefferson
Pontotoc District
Commissioner

J.D. Malaney
Panola District
Commissioner

Claude Miller
At-Large Commissioner

Mark Riesen
Pickens District
Commissioner

Catherine Wood
Tishomingo District
Commissioner

Chickasaw voter count by state across the U.S.

Every state, D.C., Guam, other countries home to voters

Did you know Chickasaw voters live in every state in the union, as well as the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth and five foreign countries?

That's right! While the majority of Chickasaw voters continue to live in Oklahoma, we are now spread out across the country and the world.

The most recent voter count indicated a total of 22,514 Chickasaw voters. Of that total, 13,571 lived in Oklahoma. The next most populous state was Texas, with 3,346 Chickasaw voters, and in third place was California with 1,576.

In addition to the 50 states and the District of Columbia, Chickasaw voters now reside in the American commonwealth of Guam, plus the countries of Canada, the United Kingdom and Malaysia. There are also a number of Chickasaws serving in the military who utilize American Post Office (APO) addresses while they serve overseas.

Wherever they live, all Chickasaw voters will receive their mail-in ballots in July. The ballots are mailed first-class from Albuquerque, N.M. on July 14.

Remember to cast your ballot, sign your outer envelope and return as soon as possible. All ballots must be received by 10:30 a.m. on July 29 to be counted.

Pontotoc, Pickens Districts to receive ballots; Tishomingo, Panola Districts have no races

In this summer's tribal election, there are two contested races. Both are legislative contests.

In Pontotoc District, incumbent Katie Case faces challenger Nancy Elliott. In Pickens District, incumbent Donna Hartman is challenged by Connie Barker and Charles Lewis.

In three races – two legislative and one judicial – the incumbents have drawn no challengers.

Those races include Steven Woods in Tishomingo District; Dean McManus in Pontotoc District; and Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon in the Chickasaw Supreme Court.

Election rules state that when a candidate receives no challenge, his or her filing for election becomes a one-vote affirmation of his or her election victory. As such, no ballots are mailed to voters in whose district no challenge was registered.

Voters in Tishomingo District will receive no ballots this election cycle. Mr. Woods and Mrs. Bellefeuille-Gordon received no challenges, so there will be no vote in Tishomingo District. Had either of the candidates received a challenge, ballots would have gone out to Tishomingo District voters.

In Panola District, voters would have received ballots should Mrs. Bellefeuille-Gordon received a challenge. Judicial elections are Chickasaw Nationwide, this Panola District would have been inlcuded should there have been a judicial race.

There is no legislative race in Panola District this year.

Chickasaw voters

Exercise your right to vote! Mark and return your ballot!

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourage ALL registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice be heard. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

• CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE INNER ENVELOPE

• PLACE INNER ENVELOPE IN "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as addressed to you, or your vote will NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm the validity of your original signature. The ELECTION COMMISSION AND ELECTION SECRETARY verify your signature during the ballot counting process.

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

Remember to contact tribe when your address changes

In our modern society, it is a fact of life that people move often. People move to new homes within their communities, or they may move across the country.

Chickasaws are no different. Chickasaw citizens live in every state in the union, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and several foreign countries. There are also a good number of Chickasaw military men and women who often change duty stations.

Remember that when you move, you should contact the tribal election secretary's office to update your address. If you fail to do so, you will soon find you are not receiving the regular mailings from the tribe, including your monthly issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and your mail-in ballot.

The Times is mailed via third-class mail and is most often not forwarded. The ballots are mailed first-class and will be forwarded for a period of time by the U.S. Post Office. However, that forwarding does expire. When that happens, you will not receive a ballot.

Think of your tribe when you change addresses. It is easy and simple to make the change. Just call the election secretary's office and update your address. You may call the office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or you may email the election secretary at rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Remember, it's quick, easy and it preserves your right to vote!

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 phone
(580) 310- 6474 Fax
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137
Chickasaw.net then click government.

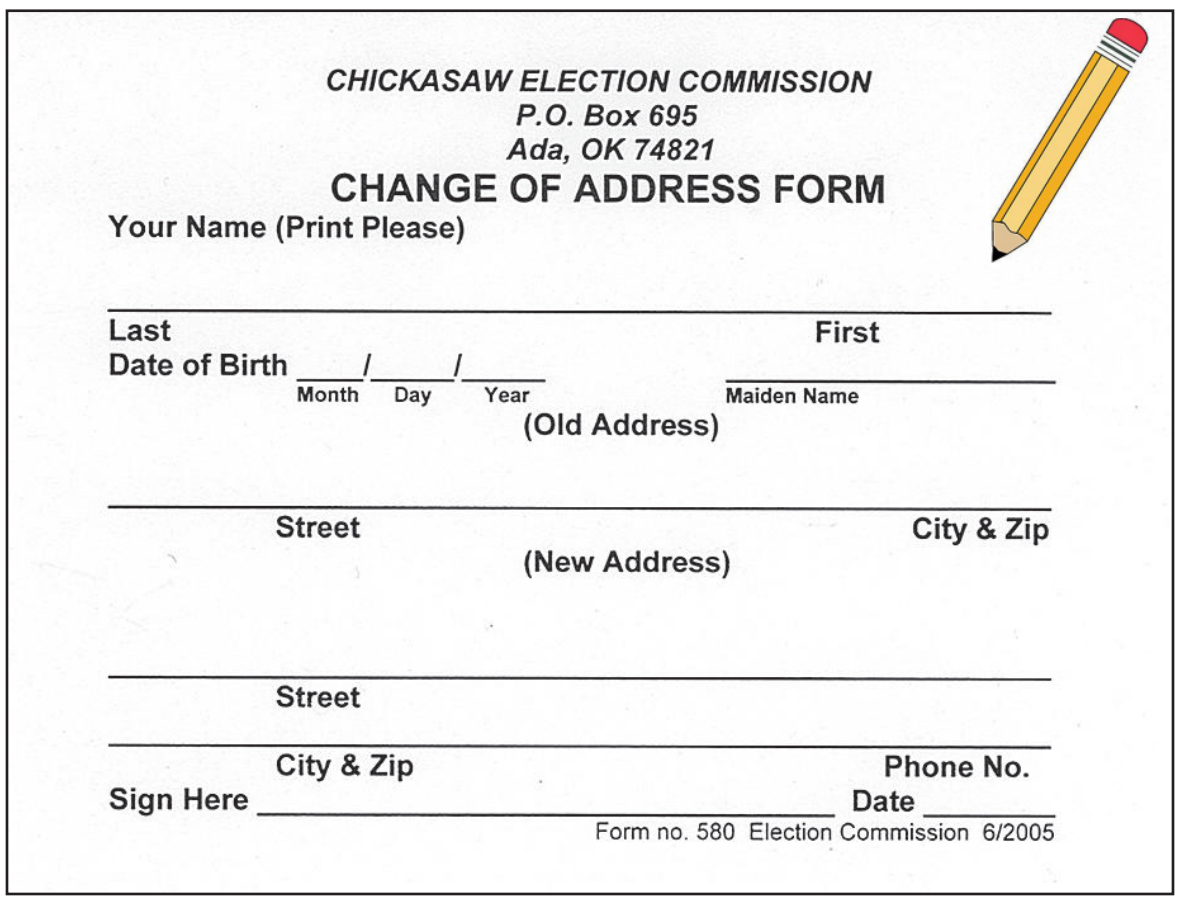
Chickasaw Nation Election Commission selects automated election services

Ink Impressions, Inc. automated election services, based in Albuquerque, N.M., and has been selected to provide the absentee ballots, mail-out, tabulation and ballot counting machines for this year's election.

Ink Impressions, Inc. has been providing this type of election service since 1974.

President of the company, Terry Rainey, and staff travel all over the United States, providing automated election services for over 150 Native American tribes.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has utilized their services for pervious elections with tremendous results.



CHICKASAW ELECTION COMMISSION
P.O. Box 695
Ada, OK 74821

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Your Name (Print Please)

Last **First**

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (Month Day Year) **Maiden Name**

(Old Address)

Street **City & Zip**

(New Address)

Street

City & Zip **Phone No.**

Sign Here _____ **Date** _____

Form no. 580 Election Commission 6/2005

Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in July.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scantron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, July 29, 2008, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on July 14, 2008. Voters have two weeks to return their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, July 29, 2008.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137. Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Editor's note: This special edition of *the Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

the Chickasaw Nation
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Tribal Governmental Services
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Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for:
- ☐ Voter Registration
- ☐ Citizenship
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name | First Name | Middle | Maiden | Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) | City | County | State | Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex | Degree of Blood | Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

- ☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
- ☐ Pickens District No. 2
- ☐ Panola District No. 3
- ☐ Tishomingo District No. 4

***Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.**

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) | Daytime Phone No. | Date

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature | CDIB Number | Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 3/2008

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

Pontotoc District Seat 3
Ada, Oklahoma
JULY 29, 2008

SAMPLE

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s).
like this

Pontotoc District Seat 3

NANCY ELLIOTT

KATIE CASE

SAMPLE

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKSAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

John D. Doe
P.O. Box O
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000

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CORRECT:
You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!

THE CHICKASAW NATION
TRIBAL ELECTION
2008 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 2-4: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 6 : Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 9: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 10: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (***by 12 noon)***

Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 7: Voter registration closes.

July 8: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

July 14: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 23: Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 29: 2008 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

July 29: Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election.*

August 1: Recount period ends.

October 1: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION
2008 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE
(IF NEEDED)

August 4: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 Noon.)***

August 11: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 20: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 26: 2008 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

August 29: Recount period ends.

October 1: Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Name
Address
City State Zip
☐ NEW ADDRESS CHECK HERE

2008 **Primary Election Ballot Enclosed**
Return Before JULY 29, 2008

Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

SAMPLE

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 204 ADA, OK
POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

CHICKASAW NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
PO BOX 695
ADA OK 74821-9899

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

VOTE!
Ballots mailed July 14, 2008